

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CHILDREN'S NETWORK CBO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

EAST VALLEY COLLABORATIVE

MISSION/PURPOSE

The East Valley Collaborative is a community partnership, committed to sharing collective knowledge and resources to enhance the quality of life by supporting youth and their families through education and the provision of mental, physical and social services.

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2003

In Attendance:

Millee Martin-Walton, Inland Regional Center	(909)880-5000
Selam Stephanos, ARMC	(909) 580-2538
Jonaye Thompson, Solutions Ed. Enrichment Center	(909) 875-5222
June Chandler, Early Head Start	(909) 890-0661
Stephani Congdon, Bethel Community Outreach	(909) 757-7363
Eustolia Hearn, Mentoring Program	(909) 885-1847
Robert Hernandez, PTLC	(909) 889-4399
Nick Watson, Public Health	(909) 384-5600
Susan Zador, Mail for Me Club	(909) 794-9676
Gerry Arce, V.B.I. Community Center	(909) 384-5499
Ruth Griffin, First 5 San Bernardino	(909) 386-7706
Linda Porras, SB CDPH – Reproductive Health Services	(909) 383-3076
Renee Bombaci, DCS – ARD	(909) 383-9777
Veatrice Jews, IEAAC	(909) 884-7522
Avante Simmons, CRY-ROP	(909) 793-3115
Robert Hernandez, PTLC	(909) 890-4301
Mary Jaquish, CBO Partnership – Chair	(909) 387-9074
Tammy Williams, Children's Network	(909) 387-5365

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting. This is not the normal week of the month we meet, we could not get the third week of the month. Our presenter this month, Sherman Garnett could not make it and will be rescheduled. Immediately following the meeting today will be the Faith-based workshop you are welcome to attend.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Deletion to agenda Sherman Garnett's presentation.

3. Approval of March Minutes

Corrections for the minutes needed are: Page 1 change the telephone number for Nick Watson from 384-5600 to 388-5600 and Page 4 change 700 families with 130 children to 130 families and 700

children for Eustolia Hearn. It was mentioned that the presentation by Michael Martinez of the District Attorney's Office last month was very well received.

4. Handouts and Round Table Discussion

√Mary Jaquish of CBO Partnership reported: Mary gave the following helpful hints in dealing with upcoming grants and RFPs: 1) go to the Children's Network website www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/childnet for updated information; 2) plan ahead by looking at last years' grants to anticipate the same time line the next year; 3) get your plans and ideas to sustain your programs to your Boards at least one month before the deadline; 4) be prepared to work on RFPs that have only 30 days to submit your proposal, etc. Mary referred everyone to the Resource Information in his or her packets. Applications are due to California Pizza Kitchen by September 30th. Tomorrow Mary will get posted on the Website State and Federal funding opportunities for Youth Mentoring Programs. The Oracle Foundation has a technology grant for Charter Schools and sub sized Lunch Program for students that qualify. Also listed are some free classes through the Public Child Welfare Training Academy, just contact Susan Culbertson at (909) 682-2580. There will be a Western Summit on Women and HIV issues next Wednesday, April 16th. The Annual Children's Network Conference is September 18th. Applications are available for the exhibitor's profit is \$100 and non-profit is \$50.

√Stephanie Congdon of Bethel Community Outreach reported: Stephanie mentioned she had some data on juveniles at the Central Valley Detention and will share them with the group. They just received funding for the California Endowment for nutrition for pregnant teens. They are partnering with the Old-timers for a Youth Board Grant. She also volunteers for Calvary Christian School and the pastor on school premises program. They have the building plans for a Family Resource Center to open in a few months. They also work with the emotionally damaged children from 2 to 5 years olds.

Announcements: On April 30th the Project Sister with Pomona Valley Hospital is hosting a conference about male topics. The First Nations Tribal Family has a workshop on EEG and neurofeedback on Tuesday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to noon, please call Don at (909) 864-8884 if you wish to attend. Various flyers, etc. are being passed around; please feel free to sign up for the ones you are interested in. The Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast went well in March. We have lots of child abuse prevention materials available; just call the Children's Network office at (909) 387-8966. Also available is the Surrender your baby safely posters and brochures. The CASA (Child Advocates of San Bernardino County) program will be having a Candlelight Vigil walk on April 10th at 6:30 p.m. starting from the Government Center and ending at the Cinema Star. The Grand Opening at Cal-State for the new building/department is Thursday, April 10th at 2:30 p.m. contact Don Gordon at (909) 880-5000 X3786. On April 10th Project Sister is having a workshop on Healing the Heart from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

√Tammy Williams of Children's Network reported: The Children's Fund Duck Race is April 26th at the Guasti Regional Park in Ontario. The Family Festival is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the ducks race at 2 p.m. Please don't forget to adopt your duck and bring your family out to the race.

√Eustolia Hearn of the Mentoring Program reported: They are always looking for new Mentors. She passed around a flyer on their next fundraiser on April 30th a Cookie Lee Jewelry Show.

√Gerry Arce of the V.B.I. Community Center reported: This Thursday and Friday, April 10th and 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through the Police Department they are having a workshop on how to develop a faith-based mentoring program. There will be consultants there to assist. Contact him about registration at (909) 384-5499.

√Nick Watson of Public Health reported: Through the PALS program they case manage high-risk adolescents from the age of 12 to 21. They provide a variety of services and referrals on such topics as; anger management, nutrition, improving school attendance, etc. They have clinics countywide to work with this population.

√Veatrice Jews of IECAAC reported: Every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon they meet at different churches to discuss health, economic development, mentoring, parenting, life skills, and try to focus on filling the gaps. Also on Friday nights the meet at Calvary Baptist Church and have a prayer and walk vigil in the County.

√Avante Simmons of CRY-ROP reported: They offer parenting classes, have a resource center and a variety of other programs.

√June Chandler of Early Head Start reported: They have a new site under construction and should be open this fall for low-income children 0 to 3. They also have home based educators to supplement the knowledge of parents on child development. They also have a disability coordinator that works with the Inland Regional Center. Currently they have 18 special needs children in the program.

√Millie Martin-Walton of the Inland Regional Center reported: Millie passed out a newsletter and brochures. They provide case management and services for the disabled. They have a school advocacy program for the age group of 3 to 13. They have a resource library that parents staff and the public can come and check out items free of charge.

√Ruth Griffin of First 5 San Bernardino reported: The Strategic Planning Process continues with community focus groups and interviews, etc. Their goal is to capture what the needs of the community are that serve the 0 to 5 as well as the parents. Ruth mentioned she just got a large delivery of English and Spanish kits for new parents, just give her a call to coordinate delivery at (909) 386-7706.

√Susan Zador of Mail For Me Club reported: Their brochures are located in libraries all over the county. They send out packages to the terminally ill children every month that cannot attend school and are isolated from other children. They invite healthy children to participate by making cards, etc. They are also making cards for soldiers as well.

√Linda Porras of SBCEPH reported: They have many clinics around the county. They have staff that work in the public schools on Abstinence for middle and high school students. Some of the other services they are involved in are: teach adult and juvenile males who are incarcerated about birth control and sexually transmitted diseases; parenting program, teen smart group, etc. They just got notice of their male involvement program got their funding extended for another year. She passed around flyers listing the clinics around the county. They offer free to clients a choice of a gas card, bus pass or phone card when they come in for services at the Reproductive Health clinics. They serve the age of males and females during the reproductive ages up to 60.

√Renee Bombaci of DCS-ARD reported: She has been working on the Wraparound process that deals with children transitioning out of group homes into the community that need intensive services. Renee works closely with staff at the CAC Children's Assessment Center. At the CAC they conduct forensic exams and interviews of children who have been neglected and/or abused. A question was asked about a foster children transitioning out of foster care that is 18 and diabetic wanting to go to a camp. Renee mentioned she does have a resource, Dr. Clark at ARMC (Arrowhead Regional Medical Center) and will share the information about Camp Chinook in the mountains.

√Robert Hernandez of PTLC reported: He has an after school program and computer literacy program for adults that are low income.

√Selam Stephanos of ARMC reported: They have a program with health educators that cover health issues for children and adults. They are specifically involved with Asthma programs through the American Lung Association. Selam had flyers.

More Announcements: Steve Kniffen or Teri Larson from Somebody Cares Southland is not here today. Through partnerships they have placed boxes in some local Starbucks for the public to place paper, pencils, crayons, and various items that could be placed in a backpack. Steve's staff will be picking up the items weekly and placing them in backpacks for children starting with Emmerton Elementary School. They plan to write a grant for backpacks. They also partner with Children's Fund to assist them with the backpack project.

Mary invited anyone interested to stay and see the Power Point Presentation on the Faith-based Workshop. She will be going over what the initiative is about, some things to make sure you have your fiscal records correct, etc.

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2003
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**County Superintendent of Schools
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Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Williams, Recording Secretary
Children's Network

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